



# FACT SHEET

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### *720th Special Tactics Group*

The 720th Special Tactics Group is part of the Air Force Special Operations Command at Hurlburt Field, Fla. The group is comprised of special operations combat control and pararescue forces.

The Group's mission includes surveying, establishing and controlling assault zones and forward area rearming and refueling points. The unit also provides terminal guidance for strike aircraft, AC-130H Spectre gunships, artillery and naval gunfire.

In addition, the 720th STG provides emergency trauma care for wounded and injured personnel. Other missions include conducting initial mass casualty triage, establishing casualty collection and transfer points, conducting combat search and rescue operations and air-sea-land transport of survivors or patients. Special tac-



tics teams also may provide assistance in civic action and humanitarian affairs.

The group has units strategically located in the United States, Europe and the Pacific. They are the 24th Special Tactics Squadron at Pope Air Force Base, N.C., and the 23rd STS at Hurlburt Field.

With its highly trained personnel, the group is ready to live up to its motto "first there so that others may live."

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